

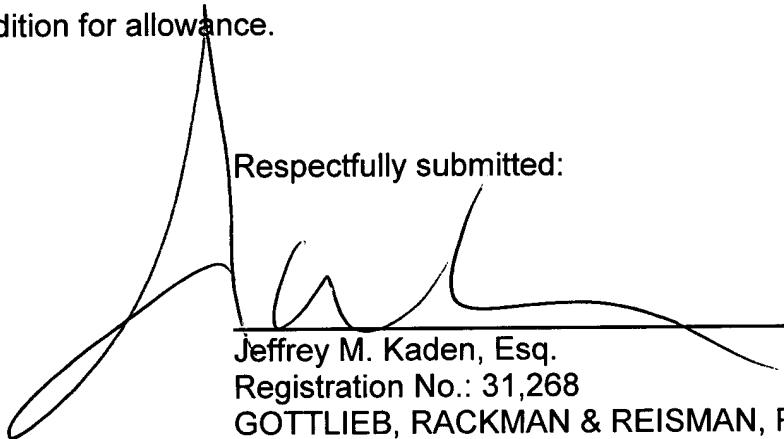
REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2004, Applicant has corrected the status identifier following Claim 15 using one of the seven permitted status identifiers. In particular, per the suggestion of the Examiner, Applicant has changed the status identifier of Claim 15 from "(PREVIOUSLY CANCELLED)" to "(CANCELLED)." The claim amendments as presented herein are otherwise identical to those presented in Applicant's Amendment and Response dated June 1, 2004. No further amendments to the claims were made.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims presented in Applicant's Amendment and Response to Office Action dated June 1, 2004 for the reasons stated therein. Applicant submits that the subject application is patentably distinguishable over the prior art and is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted:

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